(c) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the existing cold storage facilities available at Visakhapatnam, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct a study to find out aspect of problems of fishing industry at Visakhapatnam, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No proposal to make available cold storage facilities at Visakhapatnam has been received by the Government of India so far. However, a sizeable capacity of cold storage facilities owned by the private sector exists at Visakhapatnam.

(c) Yes, Sir. A detailed survey of cold storage facilities available in the country including Visakhapatnam has been conducted with the help of Indian Institute of Management, Ahemdabad.

(d) The Government is constantly monitoring the problems of the fishing industry in the country for taking appropriate measures.

Taking over of Nationalised Sugar Factories by the Bihar Government

1363. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the three sugar factories namely S.K.G. Siwan, S.K.G. Hathawa and S.K.G. Lauriya which are owned by the Dalmia Jain concern are closed indefinitely;

(b) whether it is a fact that these three mills have been taken over recently by the Bihar Government;

(c) whether Government are aware that the three mills mentioned above have not yet cleared the arrears of the cane growers to the tune of more than Rs. 3 crores;

(d) whether the three mills will start crushing sugarcane this season; and

(e) whether the Central Government will advise the Bihar Government to pay back all the dues of the cane growers of these mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The three mills have not worked since last season i.e. 1984-85.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Only S.K.G. mills, Lauriya has furnished estimates of crushing for 1985-86 season but no information is available as to whether the factory has actually started working. No estimate has been received from the other two mills.

(e) The Central Government have been writing to the Bihar Government from time to time about expeditious clearance of cane price arrears. They have been addressed again on 26th November, 1985 in respect of these three mills.

Production of vanaspati and edible oils

1364. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the total production of vanaspati and other edible oils during the last three years and what has been the price of these oils during the last three years; and